Strange and Wonderful

NEWS

FROM THE

County of WICKLOW

IN

IRELAND,

OR,

A Full and True RELATION

of what Happened to one

Dr. MOORE,

(Late Schoolmaster in *LONDON.*)

How he was taken Invisibly from his Friends, what happened to him in his Absence.

AND HOW,

And by what means he was found, and brought back to the same place.

With Allowance.

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A Wonderfull Relation

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Dr. Moore

In the County of WICKLOW in IRELAND.

DR. *Moore* having lately purchaſed an Eſtate in the County of *Wicklow*, did (together with Mr. *Richard Uniack*, and one Mr. *Laughlin Moore*) about three weeks ſince, go down to view his concerns there: And being come to their Inne, at a place called *Dromgreagh* near *Baltinglaſs*, where they intended to Lodge that Night; the Doctor began a diſcourſe of ſeveral things that happened to him in his Childhood near that place, and that it was about 34 years ſince he had been in that Country: That he had been often told by his Mother, and ſeveral others of his Relations, of *Spirits* which they call'd *Fairies*, who uſed frequently to carry him away, and

continue him with them for ſome time, without doing him the leaſt prejudice: But his Mother being very much frighted and concern'd thereat, did as often as he was miſſing, ſend to a certain Old Woman, her Neighbour in the Country, who by repeating ſome *Spells* or *Exorciſms*, would ſuddenly cauſe his return. Mr. *Uniack* uſed ſeveral Arguments to diſſwade the Doctor from the belief of ſo idle and improbable a Story; But notwithſtanding what was ſaid to the contrary, the Doctor did poſitively affirm the truth thereof. And during the diſpute, the Doctor on a ſudden ſtarting up, told them he muſt leave their Company, for he was called away. Mr. *Uniack* perceiving him to be raiſed off from the ground, catches faſt hold of his arm with one hand, and intwined his arm within the Doctor's arm, and with his other hand graſpt the Doctor's ſhoulder; *Laughlin Moore* likewiſe held him on the other ſide: But the Doctor (maugre their ſtrength) was lifted off the ground. *Laughlin Moore's* fear cauſed him preſently to let go; but Mr. *Uniack* continued his hold, and was carried above a yard from the ground, and then by ſome extraordinary unperceived force was compelled to quit. The Doctor was hurried immediately out of the Room, but whether conveyed through the window, or out at the door, they being ſo affrighted none of them could declare.

The two Gentlemen being greatly ſurprized at the ſtrangeneſs of the accident, and troubled for the loſs of their Friend, call'd for the Inn-keeper, to whom they related what had befaln their Companion. He ſeem'd

not to be much terrified thereat, as if ſuch diſaſters were common thereabouts; but told them, That within a quarter of a mile there lived a Woman, who by the Neighbourhood was call'd a *Wiſe-woman*, and who did uſually give Intelligence of ſeveral things that had been loſt, and of Cattel that were gone aſtray, and he doubted not but if the Woman were ſent for, ſhe could reſolve them where their Friend was, and by what means conveyed away. They forthwith ſent a Meſſenger for the Woman, who being come, Mr. *Uniack* demanded if ſhe could give them any account of a Gentleman, one Dr. *Meore*, that had been Spirited out of their Company about an hour before. The Woman told him ſhe could, and that he was then in a Wood about a mile diſtant, preparing to take Horſe; that in one hand he had a Glaſs of Wine, in the other a piece of Bread; that he was very much courted to eat and drink, but if he did either, he ſhould never be free from a Conſumption, and pine away to death. Mr. *Uniack* gave the Woman a Cobb, and deſired her to uſe ſome means for preventing his eating and drinking. She anſwered, He ſhould neither eat nor drink with them: And then ſtruck down her hand, as if ſhe were ſnatching at ſomething. When ſhe had thus done, ſhe often repeated a Spell or Charm in *Iriſh*, the ſubſtance whereof was; Firſt ſhe runs his Pedigree back four Generations, and calls his Anceſtors by their ſeveral Names; then ſummons him from the Eaſt, the Weſt, the North, and the South, from Troops and Regiments, eſpecially from the Governour mounted on the Sorrel Horſe, &c. And after having repeated the Charm, ſhe

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gave them an account of the ſeveral places the Doctor ſhould be carried unto that Night.

As firſt, from the Wood to a *Danes* Fort about ſeven miles diſtant, where there ſhould be great Revelling and Dancing, together with variety of Meats and Liquors; to the eating and drinking whereof he ſhould be very much importuned, but promiſed ſhe would prevent his doing either. And from that Fort he was to be carried twenty miles farther, where there would likewiſe be great Merriment, and then to the *Seven Churches*; and towards Day-break ſhould be return'd ſafe to the company of his Friends, without any dammage or miſchief whatſoever: and ſo took leave of Mr. *Uniack* and Mr. *Moore*.

About ſix a clock the next morning, Dr. *Moore* knocked at the door, and being let in, deſired Meat and Drink might be provided for him, for that he was both hungry and thirſty, having been hurried from place to place all that Night: And after having refreſh'd himſelf, diſcours'd of the manner of his being taken away; That it ſeem'd to him there came into the Room about twenty men, ſome mounted on Horſeback, others on foot, and laid hold on him; That he was ſenſible of Mr. *Uniack*'s and Mr. *Moore*'s endeavours to have kept him, and of the force they uſed; but it was all to no purpoſe, for had there been fourty more they would have ſignified nothing; That from the Houſe he was carried to a Wood, about a mile diſtant, where was a fine Horſe prepared, and as he was about to mount,

mount, a Glaſs of Wine was given him, and a cruſt of Bread; but when he offer'd to eat and drink, they were both ſtruck out of his hand; That from thence he went in the ſame Company that had taken him away, to a *Danes* Fort about ſeven miles from the Wood; That he imagined himſelf to be mounted on a white Horſe, whoſe motion was exceeding ſwift, and when they came to the Fort, their Company multiplied to about three hundred large and well-proportioned Men and Women: He who ſeem'd to be Chief, was mounted on a Sorrel Horſe; that they all diſmounted and fell to dancing, and that it came to the Doctor's turn to lead a Dance, which he did remember the Tune he danced unto.

That after the dancing, there appear'd a moſt ſumptuous Banquet, and the Governour took him by the hand and deſired him to eat; which he ſeveral times attempted, but was prevented by ſomething that ſtill ſtruck the Meat out of his hand: And ſo gives an account how from thence he was carried to the ſeveral places the Old Woman had mentioned the Night before; and that about break of day, he found himſelf alone within ſight of the Inne.

Mr. *Uniack* was ſo curious as to go ſeven miles out of his way, to ſee the *Danes* Fort, and the Doctor was his Guide; who traced the path he had travelled the Night before ſo exactly, that if his Horſe went but a yard out of the track, he would preſently turn him into it again; and that upon view of the Fort, he found

ound the Graſs ſo trodden down, and the Ground beaten, as if five hundred men had been there.

This was related by Mr. *Uniack* in the preſence of one Dr. *Murphey*, a Civilian, Dr. *Moore* himſelf; and Mr. *Ludlow*, one of the Six Clerks of the High Court of Chancery, *November* 18. 1678.

FOr ſatisfaction of the Licenſer, I certifie this following Relation was ſent to me from *Dublin*, by a perſon whom I credit, and recommended in a Letter, bearing date the 23[d] of *November* laſt, as True News much ſpoken of there.

John Cother.

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